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Claims As Amended

Please add new claims 12-18 as follows:

12. (New) A parking lock state releasing apparatus for a vehicle with a transmission control device and a transmission having a parking lock state, wherein the transmission control device has a shifting body and detects an operating state of the shifting body, wherein the transmission control device shifts a connecting state of the transmission based on the detected operating state, the parking lock state releasing apparatus comprising:

a releasing switch, which is located in a passenger compartment; and

a releasing means, wherein the releasing means generates gas in response to operation of the releasing switch and changes the parking lock state of the transmission using the pressure of the gas.

13. (New) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising an actuation permitting means, wherein the actuation permitting means permits or prohibits actuation of the releasing means in response to the operation of the releasing switch.

14. (New) A parking lock state releasing apparatus for a vehicle with a transmission control device, a transmission having a parking lock state, and a parking lock member located in the transmission, wherein the parking lock member mechanically locks wheels of the vehicle by means of the transmission; wherein the transmission control device has a shifting body and detects an operating state of the shifting body; and wherein the transmission control device shifts a connecting state of the transmission based on the detected operating state; the parking lock state releasing apparatus comprising:

a releasing switch, which is located in a passenger compartment; and

an ignition drive device, wherein the ignition drive device generates gas by causing ignition in response to operation of the releasing switch;

wherein parking lock state of the transmission is changed by actuating the parking lock member using the pressure of the gas in the ignition drive device.

15. (New) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the ignition drive device includes a gas generating device for generating gas and a piston driven by the pressure of the gas, and the parking lock member is actuated in accordance with driving of the piston.

16. (New) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a parking brake lever is located in the passenger compartment, and the releasing switch is located in the vicinity of the parking brake lever and the shifting body.

17. (New) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the ignition drive device includes a driver circuit, and the driver circuit supplies power to the gas generating device to actuate the gas generating device.

18. (New) The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the driver circuit includes an electrolytic capacitor, and the electrolytic capacitor supplies the power to the gas generating device.

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